Sl. No	Name of District	No. of villages
10.	Junagadh	136
11.	Porbandar	64
12.	Kachchh	304
13.	Rajkot	57
14.	Surendernagar	149
15.	Anand	—
16.	Bharuch	—
17.	Dangs	9
18.	Dahod	114
19.	Kheda	—
20.	Narmada	—
21.	Navsari	10
22.	Panchmahals	9
23.	Surat	15
24.	Vadodara	39
25.	Valsad	75
26.	Godhra	50
27.	Bardoli	51
	TOTAL	1943

Outstanding dues against private companies

†3238. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the declaration of new Communication Policy, 1999 certain companies functioning under private sector have not made payment of Government dues outstanding against them so far;

(b) if so, the names of such companies alongwith the amount of funds outstanding against them; and

(c) whether Government have also taken any action against them for not making the payment of outstanding amount, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Defaults in payment of license fee dues as

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per the prevailing licence agreements had taken place before the declaration of the New Telecom Policy, 1999 (NTP-99).

The NTP-99 specifically provided for satisfactory resolution of existing operators' problems in a legally tenable manner consistent with their contractual obligations. Accordingly, on 22.7.99 the Government offered a package to existing cellular and basic services licensees to migrate to the revenue sharing regime under NTP-99. Under the terms and conditions of this package the licensees had, *inter alia*, to clear the dues outstanding on the cut-off date of 31.7.1999 within a specified time frame. Forty licensees of Cellular and Basic Services came under the process of migration, and all of them have paid the dues in terms of the migration package by the extended date (s).

Six cellular licenses were not covered by the migration package since by 22.7.99 these had been already terminated for non-payment of the dues. Further, two defaulting cellular licensees in Uttar Pradesh (East) did not come under the process of migration because one of them did not accept the package and hence an essential condition, that all the licensees in a Service Area accept the package, remained unsatisfied. Their licenses were not terminated in the absence of a fall back arrangement for their subscribers.

A modified migration package has been offered to seven of the above-mentioned eight license-holders in April, 2000 with enhanced penalties, etc. For the eighth company (M/s. JT Mobile, Punjab) also it has been decided, in principle, to offer a package for migration to the revenue sharing regime under NTP-99. The dues in respect of these eight licenses are given in the Statement I (*See* below).

On 2.9.99, a migration package was similarly offered to Radio Paging licensees. However, as the terms and conditions of the package were to fulfilled, implementation of the package did not proceed further and the outstanding dues continue to persist, as detailed in the Statement II (*See* below).

Outstanding dues against other value added service providers are also indicated in Statement III. The Government has taken steps from time to time to realise the amounts due from the defaulters. These have included, *inter alia*, issue of notices, invocation and encashment of Bank Guarantees, and even termination of licenses.

STATEMENT-I

Outstanding License Fee Dues from Licensees (As on 31.3.2000)

(Rs. in crores)

Service Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (Circles)

S.No.	Name of the Company		Amount	Outstanding
1.	Aircell Digilink:	Haryana	20.67	Note 1
	Aircell Digilink:	Rajasthan	54.41	Note 1
	Aircell Digilink:	U.P. (East)	99.34	Note 3
2.	Koshika Telecom:	Bihar	62.38	Note 2
	Koshika Telecom:	Orissa	47.02	Note 2
	Koshika Telecom:	U.P. (East)	122.89	Note 3
	Koshika Telecom:	U.P.(West)	38.99	Note 2
3.	JT Mobile: Punjab		258.60	Up to date of termination; 15.7.99
4.	Spice Communications :	Punjab	8461	Paid on 15.4.00; not shown in total
	Spice Communication :	Karnataka	90.09	paid on 15.4.00; not shown in total
	TOTAL DUES		704.30	

Note 1: These licenses were terminated for default in payment of license fee on 22.5.99. On 6.4.2000, an offer has been given to these licensees for restoration and Migration to NTP-99 Regime.

Note 2: These licenses were terminated for default in payment of license fee on 22.5.99. on 17.4.00 an offer has been given to these licensees for restoration and Migration to revenue sharing regime under NTP-99.

Note 3: These licensees defaulted but were not terminated because of lack of fallback option availability to the subscribers. On 17.4.00 a modified migration package has been offered to them.

Common: The license fee dues shown is in terms of the Migration Package thus offered.

SERVICE: RADIO PAGING SERVICE (CITIES)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amount Outstanding++	Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amount Outstanding++
1	ABC Communications	6.40	9	Microwave	17.70
2.	Beltron	1.47	10	Modi Korea Telecom	7.90
3.	DSS Mobile Comm	10.61	11	Netherland India	2.01
4.	Eider PWI Comm	10.28	12	RPG	5.98
5.	Eider PWI Paging	19.13	13	Telesistem India	4.18
6.	Easycall Commn	4.81	14	Usha Martin Telekom	1.22
7.	Hutchison Max	0.46	15	Punwire Paging	0.39
8.	Matrix	10.42		TOTAL RADIO PAGING (CITIES)	102.96

††The license fee shown is upto 3rd year only. License fee from 4th year as revenue share is also due, for which the operators have been asked to make payment immediately.

STATEMENT-II

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amount outstanding**
	SERVICE: RADIO PAGING SERVICE (CIRCLES)	
1	BPL	26.76
2.	Microwave	0.87
3.	Modi Korea Telecom	0.76
4.	Netherland India	0.33
5.	Punwire Mobile Commn	100.19
6.	Punwire Paging	17.21
	TOTAL RADIO PAGING (CIRCLES)	146.12

Note: The Radio Paging operators have raised several issues *viz.* Reduction in committed license fee, pmt. of outstanding license fee in instalments over time at concessional interest rate, implementation of Calling Party Pays regime, reduction of WPC charges etc. which are under active consideration of the sub-group on Resolution of Subsisting problems in the Telecom Sector.

** The amount shown is license fee due, and does not include interest on overdue payments.

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amout outstanding
	SERVICE: VSAT	
1.	Essel Shyam Comm Ltd.	0.53
2.	Satnet Telecom	1.13
3.	RPG Satcom Ltd.	0.37
4.	Data Line and Research	1.00
5.	Marcsat	1.74
6.	Punjab Wireless Comm	0.95
7.	Comsat Max	0.12
8.	Bharti BT.	0.87
9.	H.C.L.	0.01
	TOTAL VSAT	6.72

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amount outstanding**
	SERVICE: PMRTS	
1.	Mobilkon India Ltd.	0.03
2.	Bhilwara Telenet Service Ltd.	0.07
3.	Linkwell Electronics Ltd.	0.01
4.	Punwire Trunking Services Ltd.	0.20
5.	Ushank	0.01
	TOTAL	0.32

** The amount shown is license fee due, and does not include interest on overdue payment.

Statement-III

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Name of the Company	Amount Outstanding**
	SERVICE : VOICE MAIL	
1.	Microwave Communication Ltd.	0.36
2.	Indochem Pvt. Ltd.	0.09
3.	Cyber Bazar (India) Pvt. Ltd.	0.03
4.	Dialinet Comm Ltd. Delhi	0.04
	TOTAL	0. 52

S. No.	Name of the Company	Amount outstanding**
	SERVICE : E-MAIL	
1.	Icet Pvt. Ltd.	0.30
2.	Dataline & Research Technology	0.66
3.	Datapro Information Technology	0.16
4.	Sprint RPG India Ltd.	0.15
5.	Archana Telecom Services Ltd.	0.56
6.	Elnet Technology Ltd.	0.08
7.	Business India Information Tech.	0.10
	TOTAL	2.01

** The amount shows license fee due, and does not incldue on overdue payments.

Upgradation of Post Offices

†3239. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to upgrade the branch post office, Vahedakhal of Pauri Garhwal in Uttar Pradesh is pending since 1997;

(b) if so, the details of progress made and whether it is under acceptable standards; and

(c) by when it is likely to be upgraded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The proposal to upgrade the aforesaid Branch Post Office was examined in 1997 and it was found that the upgradation is not justified on workload basis.

(b) and (c) No reply called for in view of (a) above.

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